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NEW SOVIET ENVOY HAILS RETURN TO CUBA

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(Text) Aleksandr Alekseyev, the new Cuban ambassador to Cuba, reiterated that the Soviet people will help the brotherly Cuban people to offset any misfortune that may overtake them. "The Soviet Union will help the Cuban people under any circumstances," said the Soviet diplomat. The new Soviet ambassador, who arrived in Havana on 13 August by air will soon present his credentials to President Osvaldo Dorticos.

On his arrival at the Rancho Boyeros airport, the Soviet diplomat greeted the Cuban people saying: "I am returning to my own home. I am very happy to return to this land, which I have loved for the past three years. I am a great friend of this land." At another point the new ambassador said that great joy prevailed in his country because of the flight of Nikolayev and Popovich. "We left our country," he said, "on one of the most glorious days for the Soviet Union and everything is joyful there." Then in a jocular vein, he added: "They say that number 13 brings bad luck. However, today I have arrived in Cuba and I am very happy. We have two in space, and, moreover, the great leader Fidel was born on this day."

Terminating his statements, Alekseyev spoke of the technical aid the USSR is giving Cuba and mentioned the many Soviet technicians who came with him on the same plane. The new Soviet ambassador was received on his arrival at Rancho Boyeros airport by Blas Roca, Dr. Juan Marinello, members of the diplomatic corps, and officials of the Cuban Foreign Ministry.